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TN	155	Rogersville Livestock Auction Company, Rogersville, Tennessee	May 11, 1959.
TN	162	West Tennessee Horse Auction, Somerville, Tennessee	April 15, 1968.
TN	177	Mullins Livestock Yard, Inc., Clinton, Tennessee	October 30, 1981.
TN	178	Shelbyville Livestock Market, Shelbyville, Tennessee	October 27, 1981.
TN	179	Lewisburg Feeder Pig Market, Lewisburg, Tennessee	January 18, 1982.
TN	182	Hogin Livestock Sales, Dixon, Tennessee	October 30, 1984.
TN	184	Beech River Feeder Pig Sale, Inc., Parsons, Tennessee	December 2, 1987.
TN	187	Brownsville Feeder Sale Association, Inc., Brownsville, Tennessee	April 2, 1991.

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Done at Washington, D.C. this 21st day of November 1995.

Paul L. Peterson,

Acting Director, Livestock Marketing Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Workshops on Limited Access for Atlantic Swordfish and Atlantic Shark Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: On December 6-8, 1995, NMFS will conduct the first in a series of workshops to design potential limited access management systems for the Atlantic swordfish and Atlantic shark fisheries.

DATES: December 6 and 7, 1995, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and December 8, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Quality Hotel, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Telephone (301) 589-5200. Send comments to Richard B. Stone, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (FCM4), Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Mace, Sarah McLaughlin or John

Kelly, telephone: (301) 713-2347, Fax (301) 713-0596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Over the past few years, NMFS has received increasing numbers of comments from fishermen and other stakeholders who think that some form of limited access is essential for effective management of highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. In response to this input, NMFS prepared an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) on July 28, 1995 (60 FR 38785) announcing the availability of a Concept Paper entitled "Towards Rationalization of Fisheries for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species" and two Supplemental Papers detailing options for establishing an interim permit moratorium and eligibility criteria for the Atlantic swordfish and Atlantic shark fisheries. For swordfish and sharks, NMFS has designed a two-phase process: (1) A proposed rule to implement a moratorium on the issuance of permits for the Atlantic shark and swordfish commercial fisheries, based on comments on the ANPR and discussion papers; and (2) limited access workshops, which will commence before the outcome of the permit moratorium rulemaking process is known but could be modified depending on whether a permit moratorium is actually implemented. NMFS staff is currently drafting fishery management plan amendments and associated documents required to implement the permit moratorium for each species.

The limited access workshops are viewed as input to long-term management strategies, whereas a permit moratorium is seen as a stopgap measure to temporarily restrict new entrants. NMFS plans to schedule the limited access workshops to last 2-3 days each, and to occur approximately once every 2 months for a period of approximately 1 year, with provision to continue into a second year if necessary. Participants in the workshops will provide input to NMFS on the pros and cons of various limited access options.

NMFS will prepare written summaries of the discussions at each workshop and make these freely available to the public. NMFS also expects that industry representatives and others who attend the workshops will report to their associates and by this means solicit additional input that can be presented at the next workshop. In addition, NMFS will accept written suggestions and comments at any time beginning December 6, 1995. Comments should be sent to (see ADDRESSES).

Ultimately, NMFS will prepare a "strawman" proposal for long-term management strategies that could replace permit moratoria for swordfish and sharks, if the moratoria are implemented. The strawman proposal is likely to include identification of viable options for each component of the proposal, based on input received during and between the workshops, and may form the basis for a concept paper or a proposed rule. In either case, NMFS will conduct extensive public hearings on the proposal over a prolonged period to maximize the opportunity for comment from the broadest possible cross-section of the fishing industry and other stakeholders.

Participation

There are more than 1,200 permit holders in the Atlantic swordfish fishery, and more than 2,000 current permit holders in the Atlantic shark fishery, as well as many other types of stakeholders. NMFS considers it to be impractical to work through the large number of complex issues associated with limited access with several hundred participants at any given time. NMFS believes that the number of participants in a working group setting should not exceed about 20-25, including NMFS staff. Therefore, NMFS has requested that specific commercial fishermen's organizations (both harvesters and dealers), recreational organizations, marine conservation groups, Fishery Management Councils, and Marine Fisheries Commissions each select one representative to attend and participate in the workshops. The

organizations expected to participate include:

Commercial Fishermen's Organizations

Blue Water Fishermen's Association
National Fisheries Institute
Southern Offshore Fishermen's Association
Directed Shark Fishery Association
North Carolina Commercial Fisheries Association
New Jersey Seafood Harvesters' Association
Northeast Atlantic Swordfish Net Association

Recreational Groups

National Fishing Association
A representative from the charter/headboat industry

Marine Conservation Group

Ocean Wildlife Campaign

Fishery Management Councils

New England Fishery Management Council
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Caribbean Fishery Management Council

Marine Fisheries Commissions

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

NMFS staff and members of the academic community will also be invited to participate as needed.

The criteria used by NMFS to specify the commercial and recreational organizations included the size of the membership of fishermen or dealers/processors who target swordfish or sharks, and geographic representation. NMFS has already provided preliminary, informal notifications and requests for comments about the suggested composition of the workshops in two open letters distributed via the HMS Fax network on October 10, 1995 and November 3, 1995. There was very little response to the first open letter, but subsequently NMFS has received several additional requests to attend and participate in the first workshop. Therefore, NMFS is extending the invitation to attend the first workshop to other organizations or associations that are directly involved in the Atlantic swordfish or Atlantic shark fisheries. NMFS requests that each such organization or association limit the number of representatives to one

individual and that everyone who plans to attend the workshop should notify (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than November 30, 1995.

Format and representation in future workshops will be one of the agenda items for the first workshop.

In future workshops, if any organizations or individuals feel their views are not represented, and that other opportunities for providing comment and input are inadequate, they may attend all or a part of a workshop, provided they give NMFS at least 2 weeks notice so that an appropriate meeting room can be organized. Such organizations or individuals may attend the meeting as observers and/or may request a specific time slot to present their views.

Objectives and Format

The objectives of the first workshop are:

(i) *Information exchange*: What general types of limited access have previously been proposed or implemented; what are their biological, economic, social, legal and enforcement implications; what practical lessons can be learned from systems already implemented in the United States?

(ii) *Scoping of options*: Is limited access an essential part of any long-term management strategy for Atlantic swordfish and Atlantic shark fisheries; if so, what is the range of options that are relevant or viable for these fisheries?

Two other important issues that are considered beyond the scope of the workshops and will not be discussed in these workshops are the annual quotas for Atlantic swordfish and shark fisheries and allocations of annual quotas between user groups and geographic regions.

The first two workshops will include several presentations by invited speakers knowledgeable about various forms of limited access. Other speakers will be invited as the need arises. NMFS staff will also collate important background papers and summaries concerning limited access. Background documents may be provided in advance of the workshops. The workshops will use a moderated, open-discussion framework to present and discuss issues and options. At the end of each workshop, participants will discuss a preliminary agenda for the next workshop. There will be no consensus recommendation from the workshops.

NMFS staff will summarize workshop discussions as quickly as possible and disseminate them via the HMS Fax Network, and upon written or verbal request from members of the public. NMFS staff will finalize the agenda for

each upcoming workshop at least one week prior to the workshop, and disseminate it by the same means. The objectives of the workshops will not be subject to substantive change, but the format and procedures adopted to ensure orderly progress in the workshops may be modified over time.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to John Kelly at (301) 713-2347 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 22, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Workshops on Limited Access for Atlantic Tunas Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the first in a series of open workshops to discuss the possibility of future fisheries management alternatives that limit access to the various fisheries for Atlantic tunas, including bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, albacore tuna, skipjack tuna and Atlantic bonito. **DATES:** December 13, 1995, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the auditorium of the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Foster, telephone: (508) 281-9260, Fax (508) 281-9340; or Sarah McLaughlin, telephone: (301) 713-2347, Fax (301) 713-0596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS announces the first in a series of open workshops to discuss the possibility of future fisheries management alternatives that limit access to the various fisheries for Atlantic tunas, including bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, albacore tuna, skipjack tuna and Atlantic bonito. All interested parties are encouraged to attend these workshops to assist NMFS in the development of proposals for limited access management of the Atlantic tunas fisheries. The first workshop will